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Minutes

Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians and Sprinklerfitters
Department of Public Safety, Bldg B, 1380 Bay St., Taunton, MA 02780
May 16, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

1. Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 10:10 a.m., followed by roll call:

Board Members Present:

Henry Geryk, Chairman
Mark Fortune
Michael Torchio
Jennifer Revill
John Viola
William Young
Frank Norton
Dan Dumont
Frank Norton
Pauline Lally

Board Members Not Present:

Leo Fahey
William Gallagher

Guests Present:

Patrick Pickup, RT Applicant
Brian Logan, Supervisor, District Inspectors
Ted Carroll, District Inspector
Cesar Lastra, Technical Code Coordinator
Holly Bartlett, Clerical Assistant

2. A motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting was made by Mark Fortune, seconded by John Viola, and agreed upon by a unanimous vote.
3. A motion to enter into record the minutes from the April 2012 meeting was made by Mark Fortune, seconded by Dan Dumont, and agreed upon by a unanimous vote.
4. From the last meeting, the application for RT from Patrick Pickup was reconsidered; Mr. Pickup was present for today's meeting. A letter was mailed to Mr. Pickup on March 22, 2012, requesting additional information in order for the Bureau to consider his application; Mr. Pickup forwarded to the Bureau additional documentation, copies were available for Bureau members to review at this meeting. Frank Norton asked the applicant a series of questions regarding his education and work history, which Mr. Pickup answered. **A motion was made by Frank Norton, seconded by Mike Torchio and passed by unanimous vote, to approve Mr. Pickup's application to test for RT.**
5. From the last meeting, the application for SJ from Daniel Hill was reconsidered. Mark Fortune provided information to the Board members regarding the Maine inspector's license, pointing out that Maine does

not have a journeyman license program. **Bill Young made a motion to disapprove this application, seconded by Dan Dumont, motion passed by unanimous vote.** Mr. Hill will be notified of this decision via letter. John Viola pointed out that Mike Lahey, Mr. Hill's employer, and Sprinkler Systems Inc. have been in business for a long time.

6. Old Business:

- a. Frank Norton brought up the matter of whether the Bureau should approve requests from applicants who have related degrees and/or licenses from other jurisdictions. Discussion of how degrees and other licenses translate into qualification to sit for either journeyman or contractor exam ensued. Frank Norton suggested that the Board agree to interview those applicants for pipefitter master, refrigeration contractor and sprinkler contractor who hold mechanical engineering degrees *and* state Massachusetts PE stamps for the associated specialty for consideration to sit for those exams. Motion made by Frank Norton, seconded by Mark Fortune, that the Bureau use this suggestion as a guideline when considering such applications.
- b. Bill Young brought up the fact that he has had some difficulty using the new License Lookup tool on the DPS website. Mark Fortune suggested that DPS provide the Bureau with a demonstration on how to use this application. ***The Chairman will coordinate a demonstration for the next meeting.**
- c. The matter of the status of the amended regulations was brought up. Holly reported that Carrie Torrisi stated that as of yesterday (5/15/2012), DPS had not received any word on approval or disapproval of the proposed changes to the regulations.

7. New Business

- a. Mark Fortune brought up the matter of sprinklerfitters establishing businesses and using the contractor licenses held by other individuals to pull permits and do contracting work. Mark will be working with Brian Logan to identify individuals who are engaging in this activity, and to ensure necessary action is taken to address and stop this activity.
8. With no remaining topics on the agenda, a motion was made by Mike Torchio, seconded by Mark Fortune, to adjourn this meeting at 11:36 a.m., motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**Action items to be addressed at the next meeting are indicated by an asterisk*

The next meeting of the Bureau of Pipefitters, Refrigeration Technicians, and Sprinklerfitters will tentatively be on Wednesday, June 20, 2012.